

Large broadcasting companies -- and other media companies -- campaigned against ownership restrictions on the grounds that they were no longer necessary. Sinclair's political decision to use the public airwaves to advance their agenda in favor of President Bush and against candidate Kerry clearly shows why these limits are still necessary.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.

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